

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 15, 22-34, 36 and 37 are pending in the application with claims 1, 8, 22 and 29 being independent. Claims 1, 8, 22, 29, 33, 34, 36 and 37 have been amended. In particular, claims 1, 8, 22 and 39 have been amended to recite an insulating film over the driver circuit and a rubbing film over the insulating film and under the sealing member, as described in the application at, for example, page 8, lines 6-14. Claims 33, 34, 36 and 37 have been amended for consistency with the amendments to claims 1, 8, 22 and 39. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, 10, 15, 22, 24-30, 31 and 32 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Misawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,250,931 in view of Lebrun, U.S. Patent No. 5,606,194; Adachi, U.S. Patent No. 5,155,612; Kondo, U.S. Patent No. 5,625,473 and Nishiguchi, U.S. Patent No. 5,621,553. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because none of the cited references, alone or in combination, describe or suggest an insulating film, rubbing film, and a sealing member arranged in the manner recited in the independent claims. For example, Lebrun, which is relied upon for showing a sealing member, describes forming the sealing member either on the addressing circuit 2 or the plate 3, and provides no description or suggestion of using an insulating film or a rubbing film arranged in the manner recited in the independent claims.

Claims 2, 6, 7, 11, 19, 23, 33, 34, 36 and 37 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Misawa in view of Lebrun, Adachi, Kondo, Nishiguchi and Wakai, U.S. Patent No. 5,003,356. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Wakai does not remedy the failure of the other references to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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